1995. The functions and duties of the Chief Commissioner include *inter-*a//a, monitoring utilization of funds disbursed by the Central Government.

(f) No, Sir.

Reservation for SC/ST/OBC in private sector

733. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had written to Industry associations seeking information on their work force and recruitment policy;

(b) if so, the details of their response;

(c) whether based on the feedback, Government have decided to enforce reservation for SC/ST/OBC in the private sector enterprises;

(d) if so, details thereof; and

(e) if not the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) to (e) According to the National Common Minimum Programme (NCMP), the Government has to initiate a National Dialogue with political parties, industry and other organizations to see how best the private sector can fulfill the aspirations of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribe youth. Accordingly, 218 organizations of trade and industry have been addressed, out of which, 25 have responded so far. The future course of action depends upon the outcome of this national dialogue.

Disabled persons in Delhi

734. SHRIMATI VANGAGEETHA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of disabled persons per lakh of the population has come down in Delhi from 1093 during 1991 to 707 during 2002; and

(b) if so, the details thereof for the last ten years?

THE MINISTER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MEIRA KUMAR): (a) and (b) Comparative information on prevalence of disability in Delhi over a period of 10 years is not available.

Exodus of talented youths

735. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the current year is going to witness maximum number of students opting for studies in USA;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government to provide specialised and world class education facilities in the country and prevent exodus of talented youths?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.A.A. FATMI): (a) and (b) The Government have no such information.

(c) The institutions of National importance/excellence like Indian Institutes of Technology (NTs), Indian Institutes of Management (IIMs) Indian Institute of Science (HSc), Bangalore, Indian Institutes of Information Technology (IIITs) and other Central Institutes are providing specialized education facilities in the country comparable globally.

Schemes for welfare of SCs/STs and Backward sections

736. SHRI DARA SINGH CHAUHAN: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the schemes formulated and being implemented for welfare of SCs, STs, backward and other Weaker Sections of the society, State-wise; and

(b) the amount granted for the same during the last three years, State-wise?